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NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO., FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1903.

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COUNTESS SPOTTISWOOD-MACKIN DISPLAYS
TO ST. LOUIS FRIENDS DECORATIONS FROM POPE.

TEXT-BOOK BILL IS
ORDERED ENGROSSED

CZAR DECREES RELIGIOUS
FREEDOM TO HIS SUBJECTS.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY MAN
SLAYS WITH HAMMER
6 CHILDREN AND WIFE

Speaker Whitecotton Exercises
His Authority During Confu-
sion in the House.

Establishes a Degree of Local Self-Government and Announces Plans
for Abolishment of Enforced Labor System and for Improving
the Condition of the Peasantry—Calls on His Ministers and
Officials to Help Him in His Work of Reform.

FILIPINOS ARE OUTWITTED.

HISTORY-MAKING STEP ON BIRTHDAY OF ALEXANDER III.

Presiding Officer of House Says
Things Have Been Done There
That Call for the Use
of Hemp.



August Krus Also Seeks to
End His Own Life Near
Bellefontaine, Mo.

LINES HIS VICTIMS IN A ROW.

Bloody Foot Is Discovered by a
Brother Who Finds the Slayer
Unconscious.

BABY DEAD IN ITS CRADLE.

Neighbors Attribute Man's Action
to Insanity Following a Long
Illness—Krus Is Wealthy
and Well Connected.

August Krus, a well-to-do farmer, residing near Bellefontaine, Mo., about twenty miles west of St. Louis, massacred his entire family, consisting of a wife and six children, yesterday afternoon between 5 and 6 o'clock, using a rock-hammer, as a weapon.

He then attempted to kill himself with the hammer, but was still alive, though unconscious, when discovered by his brother. From the extent of the self-inflicted wound it is not believed Krus can live.

The crime was committed last night, between 5 and 6 o'clock. The dead bodies of Mrs. Krus and her children were found lying in a row, with the exception of the baby's body, which was still in the cradle, in a locked bedroom. Krus was on his hands and knees on the floor, his head in a drooping position, covered with wounds which is supposed to have inflicted with the hammer.

The discovery was made by John Krus, a brother of the murderer, who resides with his family on an adjoining farm.

Gorner Koch of Clayton was notified of the affair last night and he hastened to the Krus farm to make an investigation.

LONG ILLNESS AFFECTED MIND OF KRUS.

Krus had been ill for several months, so his brother says, and for several months past had been acting strangely.

He had never been heard to make a threat against any of the members of his family, however, and his act of yesterday was a great shock to his relatives, all of whom reside in the neighborhood.

When John Krus entered his brother's bedroom shortly after 6 o'clock the sight which met his eyes was most ghastly, made more so by the position of the bodies, which were lying in a row, as if laid out intentionally.

The clothing of Mrs. Krus and her children were covered with blood, and the walls and floor of the bedroom were bespattered with the life fluid. The room had the appearance of a slaughter-house.

DEAD CHILDREN REVEALED.

Mrs. Krus was lying across the bed near the foot, and her children, with the exception of the babe, were stretched alongside of her according to their ages, the eldest next to the mother, and so on down to the youngest.

The babe was lying in its cradle, where it must have been when the frenzied father dealt the death blow. The infant's head was smashed out of recognition, and its little body was in such a position as to denote that it did not move after it was struck. In fact, it is believed that the babe was sleeping when the father, in his mad rage, crept upon it and killed it with the hammer.

Believing the place for a moment John Krus hurried to the home of Postmaster Fred Anden and notified him. The latter called Coroner Koch of Clayton and that official immediately set out for the scene.

Belief that the gruesome crime was committed some time between the hours of 5 and 6 o'clock was based on the fact that John Krus saw his brother a few minutes before 5 at which time he had a talk with him. The latter was feeling despondent, but mentioned nothing of the matter, and when he was contemplating the crime.

LEFT NO EXPLANATION OF TERRIBLE DEED.

No note of any kind was left behind by the murderer explaining his deed, and it is not known that he even warned his family of their peril.

Mrs. Krus is said to have been a model wife.

That a quarrel might have preceded the killing is sought by relatives of Krus on the ground that the babe was included among the victims of the husband's wrath. Financial trouble had nothing to do with the crime, as Krus had plenty of money; in fact, he was reputed to be wealthy.

Temporary insanity, brought on by ill health, is believed by Krus's relatives to have been responsible for the deed.

News of the massacre spread rapidly, and in a few minutes after John Krus notified Postmaster Anden citizens of Bellefontaine and surrounding towns were excited by the tragedy.

The Kruses were well known in that part of St. Louis county, and when it was learned that the entire family of August Krus was wiped out, persons hurried to the scene from all directions.

OLDEST OF THE CHILDREN WAS ONLY 12 YEARS.

Krus is about 35 years old, and his wife was about the same age. The eldest of the six children was 12.

Krus's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Krus, who live on an adjoining farm, were prostrated with grief over the tragedy.

After striking himself with the hammer Krus had evidently fallen to his hands and knees, as he was in that position when his brother found him.

He had probably waited several minutes after killing his family before turning the bodies of his wife and children over to be seen from all directions.

They declare that none but a crazed mind could have done such a thing.

Bellefontaine is twenty-one miles west of St. Louis on the Olive street road.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., March 12.—In his address to the House today Speaker Whitecotton created a sensation when he said:

"Now that we are free of this burden, what are we to do? I have been a member of this House four consecutive times and I say deliberately that this has been done in these halls that deserves hemp. We can never be free until some of these men are driven from these halls—by votes, if we can, but other means if necessary. Two voices are calling you; one from the dismal swamps of corruption, the other from justice and human glory; two voices are open to someone leads to ingratitude and treason, the place where manhood shrivels and rots down, and the other to the mountain tops of honest manhood and the blessings it brings."

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., March 12.—Speaker Whitecotton exercised his authority in the House this forenoon when he declared the Davidson school text-book law ordered to engrossment, and, amid deafening uproar by the Republicans, adjourned the House at 11:20 on his own authority until tomorrow morning.

The morning session of the House opened with much disorder, and this increased until adjournment. Members tramped over the hall in groups, and talked with friends whom they had invited within the railing. The lobby was crowded and noisy. The gallery was packed with ladies, many of them visitors to the city to witness the bond-anniversary ceremonies. Pages and messengers played tag through the halls, while the orators, inspired by the presence of the ladies, were on their feet constantly clamoring for recognition.

Speaker Whitecotton opened the session, but soon surrendered the gavel to Speaker pro tem, Duncan. By nearly wearing out a small pile-driver mallet, Mr. Duncan managed to get through a little business, after which the Speaker returned to the chair.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., March 12.—Speaker Whitecotton secured recognition and moved that the Davidson school text-book law be referred to a committee. Only the friends of this measure knew what was going on, for the confusion was so great that those within ten feet of the Speaker's stand did not understand the motion. But the Speaker knew his own mind and declared it carried.

In ten seconds the motion ordering the bill to engrossment followed. By this time a few Republicans became aware of what was happening and, while they were all shouting at once their disapproval and demanding a roll call, the Speaker declared the motion to engross carried, and a minute later adjourned the House on his own motion.

An incident of this unusual legislative proceeding was the fact that fully half the Republicans were so busy engaged in making a noise and denouncing the Democrats over the bond celebration that they did not know until after the House had adjourned what had happened. They presumed that as the noise was so great as to render the transaction of business impossible, the Speaker had availed himself of the authority given him by the rules and adjourned the House.

The status of the bill was much changed by this flank movement. The Republicans and the few Democrats allies imagined that last night that school text-book legislation had been effectively killed in the House. They rejoiced greatly over the discomfiture of the State administration, Speaker Whitecotton and those who favor legislation on this subject.

THREATS OF RETALIATION.
To-night the Filipinos and Republicans are pushing their fight against the regular Democrats by preparing affidavits setting forth that demands for roll-calls were made and ignored by the Speaker. These will be presented in the morning, when an effort will be made to correct the Journal. There will probably be a fight on this issue.

This afternoon there was some talk of a reorganization of the House, but no one seriously considered it.

As a retaliatory measure, Hauck of Ste. Genevieve circulated a petition asking the Governor to veto the bill increasing the salaries of the Jackson County Judges. This was the first bill which the Filipinos and Republicans passed.

LARGEST DIRIGIBLE BALLOON.
Airship, Subsidized by Brazil, to Be Named "Santa Cruz."

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.
"Santa Cruz," the largest dirigible balloon ever built, is being constructed at the establishment of M. Louis Godeard, near the Pont de Saint-Ouen, who will soon be begun on a new airship, to be known as the Santa Cruz, designed by Senor Jose de Patrocinio, to whom the Brazilian Government has accorded a subsidy for this purpose.

The new airship will be 150 feet long, 70 feet wide and 30 feet high. Its capacity will be 500 cubic meters, and all dimensions considered, it will be the largest "dirigible" ever built.

JUSTICE DAY AT DEATH'S DOOR.
New Member of Supreme Court Has Pneumonia.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Washington, March 12.—William R. Day, former Secretary of State in McKinley's Cabinet, and now Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, is lying at death's door to-night, and it is feared that, if there is not a speedy change for the better, he will not recover.

Judge Day was taken ill on Monday night with what was supposed to be the influenza. He grew worse rapidly, and his sickness has developed into pneumonia. His wife was with him, and two of his sons were summoned, reaching here last night.

Doctor Hardin of Washington, who has had charge of the case, decided to-day to perform a tracheotomy.

WILLIAM R. DAY.
Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

ask for a consultation, and Doctor W. R. Oiler of Baltimore was sent for. At one time to-day Justice Day's temperature was 106, but it later fell to 102.

Although he is a hard worker, Justice Day has not a very strong constitution. He is 54 years old. He is making his home at the Arlington Hotel, and the house has been overrun with callers, who came for the purpose of making inquiries.

Senator Hanna, who also makes his home at the hotel, has been in attendance near the sick room all day, and is very much concerned for the welfare of his old friend. Judge Day ascended the Supreme Bench only two weeks ago.

GUSTAVUS C. EGERS DEAD.
Funeral Will Take Place To-Morrow Morning From Residence.

Gustavus C. Eggers, for many years a resident of this city, died at his home, No. 651 Horton place, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Mary Eggers, his widow, and five sons, Henry, Gus C., Jr., John E., Edward L. and Walter H. Eggers, survive.

The funeral, which will be private, will be held from the residence to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

340 Want
Help
To-Day.

The Republic of to-day contains the following ads for "Help":

Housework. 74 Barbers. 26
Boys. 35 Trades. 53
Cooks. 12 Miscellaneous. 140

Your ad for Help, or for a Situation, in The Republic will be read all over St. Louis and the Great Southwest. And it will bring the right kind of answers.

MISSISSIPPI CONTINUES TO RISE AND A RECORD-BREAKING STAGE IS STILL LOOKED FOR.

MORE ENGINEERS SENT OUT.

Break in the Levee Below Wolf's Island Is Reported—Much Country Covered by Water.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Memphis, Tenn., March 12.—The river to-night is 35.3 feet and rising, an advance of only 2 since 12 o'clock last night. But despite this rise the situation is considered quite as grave as it has been at any time thus far, and a stage of 38 or 39 feet is still expected.

The Government and Levee Board engineers are very reticent and will say nothing, except that all levees are holding, and that they are hopeful of the overflow subsiding without serious breaks in the embankment. Captain Lucas, United States Engineer, in charge of the First and Second districts, has gone to Helena to inspect the levees in the White River district. The Government steamer Mercury has been dispatched to this district for patrol duty.

Chief Engineer Pharr of the St. Francis Levee District to-day sent out several assistant engineers to points along the levees in Arkansas where their presence seems advisable.

The situation at Caruthersville is unchanged, so far as dispatches from that point indicate. A private telegram from Caruthersville to-night says that the embankments will hold three feet more of water, and that the levees below the city where the recent threatening caving of the river bank occurred are in good shape.

The gauge at Memphis was swept away by driftwood to-day shortly after noon, but it was immediately replaced by the officials of the Weather Bureau. The United States Engineers predicted a serious enlargement of the sandbar before the city wharf by the present rise. This has long since been a menace to the Memphis harbor and has gradually encroached upon the wharf until half of it has been rendered worthless.

BREAK IN LEVEE REPORTED.

Water Lay Waste Much Land Below Wolf Island.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Cairo, Ill., March 12.—The river is still

LEADING TOPICS
—IN—
TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—MAY WHEAT 69¢; BID; MAY CORN 40¢ ASKED. CHICAGO—MAY WHEAT 74¢; BID; MAY CORN 47¢; ASKED.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:15 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:03.

WEATHER INDICATIONS.
For Missouri—Fair Friday and Saturday.

PARADE.

1. Democrats Win Decisive Victory.

2. Alfred Batson Convicted of Murder.

3. Missouri Legislature.

4. Attorneys Willing to Produce Letters.

5. Wires From Church Sleepers.

6. Democratic Nominees of High Standing.

7. Republicans Made Convention Brief.

8. Business Men Plan Visit to Delegates.

9. World's Fair News.

10. Race Results and Entries.

11. General Sporting News.

12. East Side News.

13. Banquet Assuming Huge Proportions.

14. Heal World Power Is Public Opinion.

15. Editorial.

16. Society Happenings.

17. Democrats Support Miller.

18. Five Alleged Whitecaps Indicted.

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